

# NOCTURNL

Minor.

Andante legato.

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1. Low gent - ly o'er the drow - sy world, God draws the veil of sleep, How  
2. Tis in the night, the star - ry night, When all is still and sweet, Good

soft - ly the ae - ri - al dews, The leaves and oles - oms steep.  
an - gels in ho - ly land With hu - man spir - its meet,

world worn heart, oh, care - ful breast, O! world worn heart, oh, care - ful breast, O!  
soul's whor - earth - ly woes o'er-whelm, O! soul's whom earth - ly woes o'er-whelm, Ye

tir - ed eyes, ye too may find, ye too bless - ed may ed, st. calm.

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Allegretto grazioso.

No sound is heard, save that you stream, still mur - murs to the air,.....

soft in - ter - ceed - ing wise, That prays a pa - tier

prayer,..... O! sleep - less eyes, O! wake - ful heart,

For you re - mains this no - blest part.

poco ritard.

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## THE HUMAN RACE.

Will Man Simply Shrink Off the Face of the Earth? Asks This Statistician.

A French statistician who has been studying the military and other records with a view of determining the height of men at different periods has reached some wonderful results.

He has not only solved some perplexing problems in regard to the past of the human race, but is also enabled to calculate its future and to determine the exact period when man will disappear from the earth.

The recorded facts extend over nearly three centuries.

It is found that in 1610 the average height of man in Europe was 1.75 meters, or, say, five feet nine inches. In 1790 it was five feet six inches. In 1820 it was five feet five inches and a fraction. At the present time it is five feet three and three-quarter inches. It is easy to deduce from these figures a rate of regular and gradual decline in human stature and then apply this, working backward and forward, to the past and to the future. By this calculation it is determined that the stature of the first men attained the surprising average of sixteen feet nine inches.

Truly, there were giants on the earth in those days. The race had already deteriorated in the days of Og, and Goliath was a quite degenerate offspring of the giants. Coming down to later time, we find that at the beginning of our era the average height of man was nine feet, and in the time of Charlemagne it was eight feet eight inches. But the most astonishing result of this scientific study comes from the application of the same inexorable law of diminution to the future. The calculation shows that by the year 4000 A. D. the stature of the average man will be reduced to fifteen inches. At that epoch there will be only millions on the earth. And the conclusion of the learned statistician is irresistible that "the end of the world will certainly arrive, for the inhabitants will have become so small that they will finally disappear"—"finish by disappearing," as the French idiom expresses it—"from the terrestrial globe."—London Tit-Bits.

## GOT AHEAD OF PITT.

The Race by Which George III. Outwitted His Premier.

On Jan. 19, 1805, Dr. Manness-Sutton, Bishop of Norwich, was giving a dinner party in his Windsor deanery when his butler informed him that a gentleman wished particularly to see him, but would not give his name.

"Well, I can't come now in the middle of dinner," said Dr. Manness-Sutton.

"Beg pardon, my lord," but the gentleman is very anxious to see you on important business," and the butler was so urgent that the bishop apologized to his company and went out. The gentleman who would not be denied proved to be King George III.

"How d'ye do, my lord?" said he. "Come to tell you that you're archbishop of Canterbury—archbishop of Canterbury. D'ye accept—accept? Eh, eh?"

The bishop bowed low in token of acceptance.

"All right," said his majesty. "You've got a party—see all their hats here. Go back to them. Good night."

Next morning Pitt appeared at Windsor castle to inform his majesty that Archbishop Moore had died the day before and to recommend the bishop of Lincoln, Dr. Pretyman, for the vacant primacy.

"Very sorry, very sorry, indeed," said the king, "but I offered it to the bishop of Norwich last night, and he accepted. Can't break my word."

Pitt was very angry, but the deed was done, as the king meant it should be, and so Dr. Manness-Sutton became archbishop of Canterbury and held the great office for twenty-three eventful years.—Michael McDonagh in Chambers' Journal.

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